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Applicant: Andre ROSENTHAL et al.  
Int'l. Appl. No.: PCT/EP99/02055  
Appl. No.: NEW Group: Unassigned  
Filed: September 27, 2000 Examiner: UNASSIGNED  
For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING  
PROTEINS WHICH INFLUENCE BONE  
DEVELOPMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

September 27, 2000

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted  
in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert /-This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. §  
371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/02055 which has an International  
Q filing date of March 26, 1999, which designated the United States of America.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

*B. J. Schlesinger* 7. (Amended) A host cell transformed by a nucleic acid molecule according to